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Knesset session delayed

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The special Knesset session originally scheduled for this afternoon to hear a Government statement from Premier Golda Meir on the political situation has been postponed till Wednesday at 11 a.m. because Mrs. Meir has delayed her return from Washington.

Gahal leader Menachem Begin reminded Speaker Israel Yeshayahu yesterday that the Likud had submitted the statutory 30 signatures demanding a session on the issues of prisoner of war exchange and the relief convoys to the Egyptian Third Army and that the Speaker had no right to reject this lawful demand in response to the Government request. Mr. Yeshayahu argued that it was pointless to have a session so close to Mrs. Meir's return, with one of her ministers speaking in her place.

Dayan: Egypt expected to resume war

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL HASHOMER. — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday Egypt can "certainly be expected" to renew the war. He pointed out to the current Egyptian troop build-up and said the war was definitely not over.

He said the Egyptians were trying to use the prisoner of war issue to blackmail Israel into lifting its encirclement of the Egyptian Third Army.

As soon as the Egyptians and Syria hear that the prisoner issue is of top priority to us, it becomes a subject for blackmail for them."

Mr. Dayan was answering reporters' questions yesterday afternoon after a visit to wounded soldiers at the Sheba Medical Centre here. He said the Egyptians were unhappy over Israel's presence on the west side of the Canal. Israel was seeking a "stable cease-fire line" there, he said, but the Egyptians weren't interested in even a minimal arrangement.

If they did open fire again, it need not be just in the sector of the sun-rounder Third Army, he said. Mr. Dayan said there might also be trouble with the Syrians.

Asked what they hoped to gain by more war, Mr. Dayan said the Arab aim would be both territory and — in view of the atmosphere in the Security Council — an imposed settlement to their liking.

Talks were being held in Washington, he said, but there was no guarantee they would not be punctuated by fighting.

The Defence Minister said Israel was facing the most "severe test" of its history. It was not as bad as the fighting in past wars — when Israel fought near their homes — but the world had changed since 1967. Massive Russian involvement, a threatened oil embargo and other pressures played no small part in dictating events. Israel had to recognize these facts and concentrate all her efforts. But the army was in good shape, and there was no reason that Israel should not successfully meet the military test if war resumed.

On exchange of wounded prisoners, the Egyptians were deliberately piling up difficulties in an attempt to extort concessions.

"Every time we reach agreement, and they make promises; but they later come back and say 'yes but you should first withdraw to the line of October 22'."

Asked at a press conference whether Egypt had set a deadline for the Israeli pullback, he said: "The withdrawal to the lines of October 22 is supposed to be carried out immediately."

Soviet marines ready to enforce will in M.E. Senator Jackson 'not reassured' on U.S. policy towards Israel

By DANIEL GOTTLIEB
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Senator Henry Jackson said yesterday that Soviet naval infantry were in the Mediterranean ready to move into the Middle East whenever the situation was going their way.

Speaking on the nationally televised programme "Meet the Press," Senator Jackson described the Soviet threat in the Mediterranean as greater than it was at the time the Strategic Air Force was put on alert.

This was a reference to President Nixon's worldwide alert of U.S. forces last Wednesday, in response to indications of a possible Soviet shift of troops into the Middle East to enforce the cease-fire.

Asked the reasons for his assessment that the Soviet threat had increased since then, Mr. Jackson said there were now 95 Russian ships in the Mediterranean, 25 per cent more than at the peak of the Soviet-American confrontation.

"But the new development is that for the first time in the long (Russian) imperial history, they have naval infantry aboard ships, obviously the equivalent of a battalion," he added.

The Senator said that, because of Watergate, the President was unable to devote the amount of attention he should to the Middle East and energy crisis.

Asked whether he was reassured, following Premier Golda Meir's talks with the President concerning

U.S. policy towards Israel, Mr. Jackson replied:

"No I'm not. I'm concerned what the policy is. I think the immediate objective of the Soviet Union... is to get control of the Suez, to reopen the Suez Canal so they will (be able) to move through the Persian Gulf. I'm concerned that the Government may support that policy."

The Administration delayed a week to send military supplies to Israel at the outset of the war, he said, adding: "I'm now worried about whether they will withhold supplies."

Other Congressional sources, asked about the Senator's statement, said that the Soviets had considerably more than a battalion of marines in the Mediterranean, and that the figure is around 6,000 men.

He said he believed the Soviets would "use this ongoing local power to move in (when) they are not getting their way."

Asked whether he was satisfied that the U.S. had sufficient power to meet any threat, Mr. Jackson responded: "Our local forces are not adequate in the Mediterranean."

This judgment clashed with that of a senior Defence official who gave a background briefing to reporters on Friday and asserted that American forces in the Mediterranean were sufficient. The U.S. also has more than a battalion of marines aboard ships of the Sixth Fleet.

Russians seen losing confidence in Nixon's staying power

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union gave another indication yesterday that it is losing confidence in the staying power of the Nixon administration.

A high-ranking Soviet academic said in a television interview that the U.S. military alert during the Mideast crisis was "completely without foundation" and "probably connected with American internal politics."

The speaker was Yevgeny Primakov, deputy director of the Institute of World Economics and International Relations. He was interviewed on a weekly programme which reviews current affairs.

Primakov stopped short of mentioning the Watergate scandal or calls from the U.S. Congress and the press that Nixon resign or be impeached because of a lack of public confidence in his administration.

As Soviet-American detente blossomed in the wake of Nixon's summit visit to Moscow in May 1972, the contrived Soviet media virtually ignored his Watergate entanglements and in passing references to the scandal tried to put the President in a good light.

On Friday, however, the weekly journal "Novaya Vremya" ("New Times") gave a straightforward account of the latest developments in the Watergate case and reported that draft resolutions calling for Nixon's impeachment had been introduced in Congress.

Since every word disseminated by the media here is censored according to strict guidelines, observers saw the "New Times" report on Watergate as an attempt to inform the public of Nixon's precarious position and prepare it for his possible downfall.

The Soviet leadership has a stake in the Nixon administration. But the Middle East war and the unpredictability of Watergate events have apparently put that stake to the test.

The government news agency, Tass, suggested the regime's disillusionment with the Nixon connection October 29 when it said his "administration needs a crisis a day to shield itself from criticism at home."

The Tass commentary, which was pegged to a column by James Reston of the New York Times, was given added weight by being reprinted in Pravda, the Communist party organ and top newspaper in the country.

In the TV interview Sunday, Primakov indicated further disavowal of Nixon's Mideast moves by speaking favourably of the French and British arms embargo to the Mideast and West Germany's refusal to allow her bases to be used for U.S. arms shipments to Israel.

He said the attitude of America's West European allies had surprised Washington and demonstrated that they are "negative to extremists."

Eban off to Bucharest

Foreign Minister Abba Eban was due to fly to Bucharest last night for talks with Rumanian leaders.

Interviewed on Israel Television last night prior to his departure, Mr. Eban said that "thanks to its foreign policy which adheres to the principle of universality in international relations, Rumania has the opportunity of carrying on a fruitful dialogue with powers and states locked in conflict... Its ability to speak openly both to Israel and to the Arab countries is without doubt a stabilizing influence in the international arena."

Nevertheless, in reply to a specific question about Rumania's preparedness to take on the role of mediator in the Middle East dispute, the Foreign Minister replied: "I do not know of any state that would willingly assume the role of mediator. The fact that Rumania can talk to both sides in the dispute is important, but I suggest that we refrain from attributing to any government a political definition that it does not claim for itself."

He added, however, that Rumania's ties with most of the Arab countries does enable it to give them an accurate account of Israel's position.

One diplomatic correspondent noted: Flying to Bucharest with the Foreign Minister was Rumania's Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen. Rabbi Rosen had arrived in Israel on Thursday for a two-week visit, but when Mr. Eban's trip was announced he decided to return to take part in a meeting between the Foreign Minister and Jewish community leaders in Bucharest.

As Mr. Eban left, informed sources in Jerusalem were still discussing any speculation of Soviet diplomacy lurking behind the in- and out of those currently in warehouses.



U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Prime Minister Meir during their meeting late Saturday night at Blair House in Washington. (AP radiophoto)

MEIR EN ROUTE HOME: 'U.S. IS ISRAEL'S FRIEND DESPITE DIFFERENCES'

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Prime Minister Golda Meir left Washington for home last night, reporting that her discussions in Washington left her convinced of the value of a general settlement. The question of the prisoners of war had been discussed, she said.

Mrs. Meir left for New York to catch an El Al airliner for Tel Aviv.

Kissinger to Cairo

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger concluded his Washington-based talks with Mrs. Golda Meir and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy and prepared to fly to Arab capitals to continue his efforts to break the cease-fire impasse.

Mr. Kissinger and the Israeli Prime Minister conferred until past 1 a.m. yesterday. U.S. officials did not exclude the possibility of another get-together before her late afternoon departure from Washington.

For most of the past week Mr. Kissinger conducted round-robin consultations with Mrs. Meir and Mr. Fahmy, trying to end the deadlock over cease-fire lines along the Suez and the release of prisoners captured by both sides in the recent fighting. He also held one meeting with Syria's Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammed Zakaria.

Mr. Kissinger leaves today on a mission to five Arab capitals before going on to China and Japan. He is due in Cairo tomorrow for meetings with President Anwar Sadat.

State Department officials were reluctant to assess progress of the intensified diplomacy. "Obviously there is a crosscurrent of discussions here," said Department spokesman Robert McCloskey.

Israel officials said Mr. Kissinger would be making "tremendous progress" if he would make the cease-fire hold, arrange the exchange of 360 Israeli and 7,000 mostly Egyptian prisoners and settle the problem of convoys to the encircled Egyptian Third Army.

Disengagement of Israel and Egyptian forces on both sides of the Suez Canal would also be a "forward movement," Israel officials said.

Prof. Kissinger conferred by telephone for 40 minutes yesterday with President Nixon, for last-minute instructions before leaving Washington.

Other stops in the Middle East include Amman and Jeddah where he will take up the oil blockade with King Faisal.

He also will travel to Tehran and Karachi before arriving in Peking on November 10 for his sixth visit to China. After three days in Peking Mr. Kissinger will fly to Japan for two days of talks with Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka on diplomatic and economic problems.

ARABS ANTICIPATE CONCESSIONS

By ANAN SAFADI

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger is due in Morocco today on the first leg of a crucial tour of Arab capitals in a major American bid to solve the 25-year-old Israel-Arab conflict. Dr. Kissinger's meeting with President Sadat in Cairo on Wednesday is seen as the key point of this tour which follows an extensive round of Washington talks the Secretary of State and President Nixon had with Premier Golda Meir, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy and Syria's Assistant Foreign Minister, Mohammed Ismail.

Several Arab states appeared to be looking forward to significant American concessions on Arab demands in the Middle East crisis. They seemed to be expecting Dr. Kissinger to call on Israel to open a supply route to Egypt's Third Corps under the guise of a return to the October 22 cease-fire lines.

In anticipation of Dr. Kissinger's visit, Arab leaders for the past few days have been holding a dizzying round of meetings. Egyptian and Syrian Presidents Anwar Sadat and Hafez Assad criss-crossed the oil-rich Arab states of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, while the Algerian and Libyan heads of state trotted between Cairo, Damascus and Baghdad.

Yesterday, Algerian President Houari Boumedienne met with Fatah chief Yasser Arafat in Damascus, resulting in a surprise statement from that terrorist movement, calling on Palestinians to unite their ranks for an "objective" study of current Middle East developments.

The statement indicated that Fatah was disassociating itself from opposition of other terrorist groups to Egypt's and Syria's acceptance of the cease-fire.

There seems to be no clue to how the Palestinian aspect of the

Israel-Arab conflict is being tackled by the American administration. Most of the Arab states Dr. Kissinger will be visiting are expected to emphasize their backing for Fatah to represent the Palestinians in possible forthcoming peace negotiations. But this attitude is being countered by Jordan and by Palestinians in the administered territories.

Dr. Kissinger will be accompanied by a number of top aides who will pay separate calls to a number of other Arab and African countries. Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco is expected to visit Israel, Lebanon and Syria. Mr. Sisco's call on Damascus will be the first to be made to Syria by a high-ranking American official and may be a prelude to a Syrian welcome for Dr. Kissinger.

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In his message, Mr. Yeshayahu stressed the Arab countries' "deliberate and brutal" violation of the Third Geneva Convention concerning the submission of lists, Red Cross visits to all prisoners, the right of prisoners to correspond with their families and the immediate return of wounded P-O-Ws.

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Egypt frees only one PoW — held four years

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Army Spokesman, responding yesterday to Egyptian claims they had released wounded Israeli prisoners, said that only one man had been released from a prisoner from the current war, but Dan Avidan held four years in Cairo and whom the Egyptians had repeatedly refused to free. (See page 8).

He listed eight Egyptians whom Israel had returned in the last two years, purely as a humanitarian gesture. This was without receiving anyone in return.

It had been agreed some time ago between senior Israeli and Egyptian officers to start the exchange of wounded prisoners with 44 Israelis in return for more than 400 Egyptians. On October 30 the Egyptians returned only Dan Avidan whom the Red Cross had failed to free for four years, despite his poor state of health. At the time they specifically asked that the release be kept secret until the prisoner exchange was carried out.

As they are now refusing to carry out the agreement, the spokesman said, the I.D.F. no longer feels bound to keep the information secret.

He noted that they were holding up execution of the agreement despite the practical steps the Red Cross had taken to implement it, including the planes kept standing ready to carry the wounded men.

This is a violation breach of article 109 of the Geneva Convention, which calls for return of wounded prisoners even if the fighting is still going on.

Detailing recent cases when Israel had released Egyptian prisoners without return, the spokesman said these included: Three released on September 16, 1971, as a gesture for the Moslem holidays.

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Defence Minister Dayan during a visit last week to Israeli troops at the Suez Canal front. (Israel Sun)

Light weapons fire at Suez Canal front

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Intermittent exchanges of light weapons fire were reported yesterday from the central and southern sectors of the Suez Canal.

Units of the Egyptian Second Army, stationed along the central and northern sector, opened up in the Ismailia area at 7.45 a.m. and again during the early afternoon hours. At around three in the afternoon, outposts of the Third Army, stationed north of Ayun Musa, on the Gulf of Suez, opened fire on Israeli units taking them. During the ensuing exchange, at least one Egyptian soldier was killed and several others wounded. Firing continued until dusk. The Israeli unit did not suffer any casualties.

On the west side of the Israeli enclave, over 100 Egyptian soldiers have surrendered to Israeli patrols during the past 48 hours. The northern sector of the Suez front and the Syrian frontier remained quiet yesterday.

Twelve more truckloads were shipped across the Canal to the

Third Army yesterday, bringing the total taken across to 100 trucks. A senior army officer yesterday suggested that the Third Army was not really experiencing any hardships, and had adequate supplies of food and water. The Egyptian soldiers who come across to the west bank as porters did not seem particularly thirsty and the impression received here was that the Egyptians might be drawing water from brackish wells inside their perimeter area.

Further drop in temperatures
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Cold air from Central Russia and Turkey is causing instability in our area, the weatherman said. The Jerusalem Post yesterday... predicted that temperatures will drop by at least another three degrees during the next few days.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with possibility of local showers. Temperatures lower than normal.

Weather synopsis: An upper trough extends from Turkey to the eastern Mediterranean, moving slowly eastwards.

Jerusalem	Yesterday's	Today's
High	18-22	18-22
Low	10-14	10-14
Golan	10-14	10-14
Nahariya	10-14	10-14
Haifa	10-14	10-14
Tiberias	10-14	10-14
Nazareth	10-14	10-14
Afula	10-14	10-14
Shomron	10-14	10-14
Tel Aviv	10-14	10-14
Be'er Sheva	10-14	10-14
Dimona	10-14	10-14
Tiran	10-14	10-14

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday visited the Dagon Silo in Haifa and heard a report on its workings from General Manager Reuven Hecht.

President Katzir on Friday received World Jewish Congress representatives Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Governing Council of the W.J.C., and Dr. G. Rüger, of Geneva.

Percy Sassoon Gorgey, chairman of the British Action Committee for Arab Jewry, called yesterday on Police Minister Shlomo Hillel at his office in Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Baron Alain de Rothschild, president of the French Jewish community, and Rabbi Yacov Kaplan, Chief Rabbi of France, to express the solidarity of French Jewry with Israel during the present time of stress. (By El Al).

Two killed in crashes

Two persons were killed and two others slightly injured in road accidents on Saturday night.

Asher Noriani, 34, of Moshav Beit Zera, was killed outright when his car collided with a parked truck on the Ashkelon-Ashdod by-pass. The car ricocheted into an oncoming car, slightly injuring its occupants, Yitzhak Kagan and his wife, of Ashkelon. Police are investigating.

In another accident, a youth — whose identity was not released — was killed when the car he was driving overturned at the Amakim junction in Haifa. His family have been notified, and police are investigating. (Ithm)

Radio asks for more money

The Broadcasting Authority's Board of Directors has decided to ask the Government for an additional budget of IL42.5m. This is to cover the cost of the radio's extended broadcasting time which is expected to continue until the end of the current financial year — and its loss of revenue from advertising due to the war-time situation.

At its meeting at the end of last month, the Board also decided to resume broadcasting reviews of the local press, and to give greater coverage to the discussion and analysis of political issues now preoccupying the public.

We mourn the passing of our beloved

LIESE ALEXANDER

(née Beck)

The funeral will take place today, November 5, 1973, at 4 p.m., at the Beit Yitzhak Cemetery.

David and Julie Alexander and Children
Henny
The Family in Israel and Abroad

In deep sorrow, I announce the death of my dearly beloved, unforgettable husband,

Dr. Gustav Stein

The funeral will leave the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv for the Holon Cemetery, today, Monday, November 5, at 3 p.m.

For the family,
HEDE STEIN, wife

We announce in deep sorrow the death of

ILSE HOFFMAN (SCHLESINGER)

London

Husband: Arthur
Sons: David and Jonathan
Sister: Anne Marie Gluck and Family (Buenos Aires)
Brother: Joachim Schlesinger and Family (Moldova)

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of

IDA SILVERMAN

The funeral will leave from Sanhedria for the Mt. of Olives Cemetery at 1.00 p.m., today, Monday, November 5, 1973.

Keren Kayemeth Leisrael

Silverman Family, U.S.A.
Holzman Family, U.S.A.
Brand Family, Israel

DAN AVIDAN COMES HOME

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

EIN HASHOFET. — Dan Avidan, the 39-year-old soldier-farmer captured in an Egyptian ambush nearly four years ago, arrived back at his kibbutz unexpectedly at 6.15 p.m. last Tuesday. He was the first and is so far the only prisoner the Egyptians have repatriated.

Avidan was produced at the meeting between Egyptian and Israeli officers that day at Km. 101 on the Cairo-Suez road.

The Post learned that he was told he was going home only minutes before he was taken out to a plane and flown to the pick-up point at 9.00 a.m. The family was not told until he was safely in Israeli hands.

The kibbutz, which was informed of his release by the Egyptians only an hour before he arrived, gave him a great welcome. Despite the short notice, the children managed to prepare a huge "Welcome Home Danny" sign to hang in the dining hall.

Avidan, thick-set and of medium height, sported a luxuriant moustache, which, he smiled, was the envy of his Egyptian captors. He would not speak to newsmen about his experience, and after giving this reporter a crumpling handshake, would only say he was feeling fine and could walk.

He was wounded in both legs when he and three others ran into an Egyptian ambush during the War of Attrition four years ago. The others were killed, but he was taken prisoner and treated in an Egyptian military hospital (he will have to undergo further treatment at Tel Hashomer Hospital).

The father of three children aged 6 to 18, Avidan had volunteered to rejoin the army during the War of Attrition in response to the Defence Minister's call for demobilized officers to sign on for a limited period of service. He held the rank of sergeant (Lieutenant), and was captured on December 19, 1969.

He was able to keep in touch with his kibbutz through the Red Cross, and received letters and parcels quite regularly.

As the oldest Israeli prisoner, he became something of a father figure and did much to keep up the spirits of the younger men. Sitting on the lawn outside his family's home on the kibbutz and drinking "Lehaim" with all the well-wishers who came to see him, Avidan adamantly refused to say anything about his imprisonment.

Histadrut:

Reservists should get pay up to IL1,500

TEL AVIV. — Reservists on active duty should be paid their regular salary, up to IL1,500 a month, beginning November, the Histadrut Central Committee resolved yesterday. It urged the authorities to compensate employers out of the Equalization Fund for reservists, which is financed by contributions of 0.6 and 2.6 per cent of the monthly salary from workers and employers respectively.

Acting Secretary-General Yerusha Meshel said the Histadrut preferred that employers continue paying the reservists. However, in some cases, the payment will be made by an insurance company or by the National Insurance Institute. The arrangement between the paying body and the Equalization Fund should be a matter between them, and not affect the soldier.

Employees who became temporarily jobless because of the war — for instance, persons engaged in the tourism industry — are entitled to unemployment grants if they register at their local employment service office. The payment will come from the unemployment fund, and should not disqualify the recipient from getting his job back, once conditions return to normal, Mr. Meshel said.

The Histadrut's recommendations are not legally binding until approved by the Ministers of Finance and of Labour, it was said. Histadrut representatives expect to meet the relevant ministers later this week.

Civilian employees in military installations have waived claims for

special overtime pay for the month of October. The gesture will save the authorities an unspecified, but reportedly large sum. Payment for overtime will be calculated at the regular eight-hour day salary.

Beginning November, however, the normal overtime schedule is back in force, meaning overtime is paid at time-and-a-half.

Economic advisory council formed

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The advisory council to economic policy proposed by Finance Minister Sapir, will be formed, now that all three parties — government, employers and labour — have given their consent. The purpose is to work out what measures should be adopted to offset the impact of the war on the country's economic life.

It is understood that the council will have 35 members — 10 representing the Histadrut; 10 the Coordinating Committee of Employer Organizations; four representing the three big banks and Bank Mizrahi; and 10 representing the Government. The remaining member will be a university professor.

The date of the first meeting has yet to be fixed, since it has yet to be decided whether the committee will be advisory to the Prime Minister, the Finance Minister, or the Ministerial Economic Committee.

Woman chairman of Kafr Yassif appeals on P-o-Ws

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Mrs. Violet Khoury, chairman of the Kafr Yassif Local Council, yesterday called the presidents of Egypt and Syria through U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim asking them to acquiesce in an exchange of prisoners.

Mrs. Khoury, who has three sons, wrote that she was appealing in the name of many Arab women in Israel.

She promised to visit wounded Arab prisoners, and send regards to their families over the radio. She also appealed to Mr. Waldheim to do his best so that this war would be the last.

Cement, heating costs to rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first price increases resulting from higher fuel prices will soon be announced by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

They will include cement, which will cost IL7 more per ton (IL137 instead of IL130), and home heating services offered by heating contractors, an increase of 30 per cent.

At its last meeting, the Price Review Committee said it expected higher fuel prices to have only a marginal effect on the production expenses of most industries. However, it added that price increases would be allowed in industries where the fuel factor is very high — and the first price increase approvals based on this guideline are those for cement and home heating services.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

COMPENSATION to civilians for war damage to their property is to be raised by 25 per cent, the Knesset Finance Committee decided on Friday. The increase is retroactive to October 1.

HAIFA PORT worked at full capacity for the first time in several weeks yesterday, thanks to the large number of trucks brought in to clear goods from the port and the arrival of more ships.

THE TEL AVIV Municipality's emergency service has cancelled its special night service, and from now on will be open daily from 7.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. The public can call at its office, room 1110, at City Hall or telephone 243311 (exchange 250) during the above hours.

MAN IN THE STREET: Apprehension, anger felt at 'U.S. pressure' on Israel

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Prime Minister has declared that Israel is not being subjected to any pressure; but as far as the Israeli public is concerned, there is pressure just the same. "No matter what Golda says," it appears to be giving rise to a great deal of apprehension.

A graying construction company foreman, for example, told me yesterday while putting around in a partially finished building that all he has on his mind these days "is that miserable American pressure and how Golda is holding out there in Washington. My boy was in Sinai. My wife doesn't have the patience to cook or keep house, and I escape here to the building sites even though there are practically no workers. I just come to channel my fury at the Americans and the Russians and the U.N. I am so afraid Golda will make concessions that I am really ready to burst," he said.

When I asked why he was so worried, he explained that he is a native of Egypt, and remembers how "next door neighbours in Cairo promised me during World War Two that as soon as Rommel won he would slaughter me and my family. We were friends, and our children grew up together. It's how they talk as friends, how could the Egyptians — as enemies — make peace with us all of the sudden?"

PROFOUND ANXIETY

The mood on the street yesterday was one of profound anxiety as people digested the news of the intensified flurry of diplomatic activity in Washington, of the Prime Minister's decision to delay her return home, and of unsubstantiated reports that the differences between the sides have been somewhat narrowed. Any bit of news, all rumours and every analyst's speculations were seized upon and contributed to expressions of concern voiced by street-corner politicians and housewives' caucuses. Everything was treated with suspicion and taken as another bad omen for the way Israel is faring on the diplomatic battlefield.

If U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was reported to have emerged unsmiling from his talks with Mrs. Meir at Blair House, it was interpreted as a sign of troubles to come. "Kissinger only smiles when he talks to Arabs. With us he disagrees — with them he agrees," one member of the Sderot Rothschild "outdoor parliament" volunteered.

Another middle-aged parliamentarian interrupted: "Did you see his grin when he talked to (Egyptian Foreign Minister) Fahmy. He even embraced him warmly, as if he was his best friend from way back. We'd be better off with a guy as Secretary of State."

Kissinger's rating as being "good for the Jews" in his new post seems to have hit a new all-time low on Sderot Rothschild since the debate on the issue was rekindled with the October 22 cease-fire decision.

If the Kissinger-Fahmy cordiality was seen as auguring badly for

Israel, neither was anyone particularly pleased by the news that the third Kissinger-Meir round of talks had been "cordial and useful." A retired Dan employee, who has now been recruited as a ticket cashier on the crowded No. 4 bus line, felt that "Golda must be giving in if he (Kissinger) is happy. I don't think it's Golda bringing him round to her point of view, but the other way round. The fact that she had long consultations with her aides after talking to Kissinger shows that they were considering proposals, and that is bad. They are working out a deal. From past experience we know that deals mean we give in while the Arabs remain inflexible."

Fears of a "deal" were everywhere and furnished the main topic of conversation yesterday for those men not called up, for mothers wheeling shopping carts in supermarkets, for teenagers returning home from school and even for patients in the as-long-as-ever Kupat Holim queues. All attempted to guess just what it was that Golda had conceded and what she had got in return.

A great variety of opinions was sounded, and sidewalk debates often grew heated. The general sentiment was best summed up by a very young mother who declared that, if it were up to her, she would "give back all the territories, aside from Jerusalem, if it would bring peace; but that wouldn't end it all. No one wants peace with us, so why should we be the ones to make concessions? We have paid too much in blood for past concessions. If 1956 is repeated, the government will topple this time," she shouted.

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Gov't to help exporters hit by blockade

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Exporters prevented from shipping via Eilat, because of the Egyptian blockade at Bab el-Mandeb, can use alternate ports and receive compensation of 75 per cent of the extra expenses entailed in the switch.

Adin Talbar, chief of the Commerce and Industry Ministry's foreign trade section, said the temporary arrangement will assist businessmen who must meet delivery commitments to customers in Iran, East and South Africa, the Far East, Australia and New Zealand — markets to which goods are normally shipped via Eilat.

He said the 75 per cent "participation" will be available on shipments valued at more than \$5,000 provided the compensation does not exceed 10 per cent of the value of the shipment f.o.b. Israel.

The post office clerk, a 17-year-old red-headed volunteer, felt that "this all goes to show that, contrary to popular anti-Semitic opinion, the Jews are the world's worst merchants. Here we are holding trump cards like the Third Army encirclement; yet instead of us calling the shots, we find ourselves pushed against the wall because we won a military victory."

"It's about time we became a little less polite ourselves," she said. "The more concessions we make, the more will be asked of us. We are cast in the role of the concession-maker."

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Israel Peace C'ttee scores Moscow line

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Peace Committee has sharply rejected what it calls the anti-Israel line adopted by the World Peace Movement at two recent meetings in Moscow and Helsinki.

The rejection was contained in a resolution passed yesterday by the Mapam and Maki majority. Opposed were the Rakah members. The resolution charges that the Moscow-dominated Peace Movement, by coming out on the side of the Arabs in the present Middle East conflict, "turned its back on the principle of a political solution... and heightened tension." It points out, in addition, that the Peace Movement defined the Egyptian and Syrian attack of October 6 as a "war of liberation."

On Saturday, the 11-man Rakah delegation which attended the Moscow congress returned to Israel.

While in Moscow, members of the delegation met with Boris Ponomarev, a member of the Soviet Communist Party's Politburo. The head of the delegation, Tsvi Toubi, M.K., told them there was "complete agreement between the two parties" on the need to implement fully U.N. Security Council resolutions calling for recognition of the sovereignty and independence of all states in the area, "an Israeli withdrawal from conquered Arab territory, and the honouring of the legitimate legal rights of the Arab Palestinian people." (Ithm)

IL25,000 WAS RAISED for the Haifa branch of the Soldiers Welfare Association on Saturday from the sale of paintings and sculptures donated by artists in Haifa and the North. The auction sale was held at the Dan Carmel Hotel.

Forty-three volunteer and Druse taxi and pick-up drivers in the North on Friday tried soldiers on leave from Akko, Kiryat Shmona and to Hadera, response to an appeal of the Department of the Histadrut.

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BRITAIN'S PERFDY
German officials point ruefully to the equating of Bonn's behaviour and London's by the Israeli press.

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By ERNIE MEYER
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REFUGEES. — Hundreds of farmers from the area now occupied by Israeli troops on the west bank of the Suez Canal have left their homes. The families in this picture are travelling north, along the sweet water canal, toward Ismailia. Meanwhile, the Israeli authorities are taking a census of those civilians who remain in the area, and are issuing them with papers to help them obtain food, water and animal fodder. Although the final figures were not yet available yesterday, the Army said it believed there were about 1,500 persons in the area.

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Exports 'as usual' — only more so'

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
"Business as usual — only more so." This slogan for the export drive has been communicated to Israel's foreign clients via her diplomatic missions abroad and bi-national Chambers of Commerce, according to Adin Talbar, in charge of foreign trade at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

There may be delay in the metals and electronics industry, owing to the top-priority requirements of the defence sector. Meanwhile, every attention is given to keep exports flowing, including special loan arrangements to finance goods delayed in port for lack of shipping space.

Excluding diamonds, industrial exports should reach 95 per cent of the scheduled \$600m. target for 1973. As to diamonds, despite a 15 per cent drop in sales during the war month of October, exports in the first ten months (\$42m.) are already well ahead of the planned figure for all-1973 (\$420m.).

One official said: "There was some hoarding at the beginning of the war. But I visited Hebron last week: there is all the flour in the shops you could want."

The price of the Jordanian dinar has tumbled too — from IL20 in the hard days at the beginning of hostilities to IL13.50-14, which is the pre-war rate — and not far above the official value (IL17.76).

Mr. Shavit added that his company expects to export 5,200 tons of produce during November, more or less the same as it was a year ago but by 10 per cent less than the company's target.

One of Agrexco's difficulties is getting flowers to the airport terminal, since all six of the company's refrigerated trucks were mobilized. It has been promised that one or more of the trucks will be freed in a few days.

Abraham Brum, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, said yesterday that one of the improvisations that the ministry will be using to cope with the shortage

did the jaw-bone operations; and Asaf Harofeh handled eye injuries. Sometimes, however, doctors from these hospitals come to Shmuel Harofeh to operate.

The most misleading medical diagnosis yet was made by an Egyptian doctor, who was also a patient. He had been wounded in the throat, chest, thigh and hand. All the wounds were serious. His diagnosis: he was going to die of his wounds.

But I saw him lying on his back, sleeping peacefully. At his side was a pile of medical literature (in English). "He's trying to keep up with the latest advances in medicine," the staff doctor told me.

Today, doctors and other staff at Shmuel Harofeh are still working round the clock. There is a feeling here that if they do not get outside relief soon the staff will join the wounded prisoners in bed.

Shmuel Harofeh first treated enemy wounded during the Six Day War. Then some 400 wounded Arabs passed through the hospital. One of the visitors to see the wounded Arabs then was U.S. President Richard Nixon.

A recent visitor was Anglican Archbishop George Appleton of Jerusalem, whose jurisdiction encompasses Egypt. "It is hoped he will report to the Egyptians that the Israelis have set an example which they should emulate," the staff doctor said.

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Soviet police kill teenage hijackers

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(Reuters). — North Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Thieu said yesterday that his government had agreed to sell 300,000 tons of sugar to Australia for £31 million. The deal, which was announced in Hanoi, would be the largest sugar sale in the world since 1954. The sugar would be sold at a price of 10 pence per ton. The deal would also include the sale of 100,000 tons of rice to Australia for £10 million. The deal would also include the sale of 100,000 tons of rice to Australia for £10 million.

Liz Taylor art auction raises IL800,000 for Israeli victims



Elizabeth Taylor holds the hammer at an art auction on Saturday night, organized by the 'Collective Israel Action Committee' to raise funds for Israeli victims of the war. (AP radiophoto)

AMSTERDAM (UPI). — Elizabeth Taylor appeared at an art auction here yesterday which raised about 800,000 guilders (IL800,000) for widows and orphans of Israelis killed in the war. The reason I am doing this kind of thing is that we have to care for those who are bereaved, Mrs. Taylor told the crowded auction room where hundreds had to be turned away from the door although they were willing to pay the 125 guilders (IL200) admission. "I am clearly pro-Israel, but even more pro-humanity," the actress said. She had interrupted film work in Germany to take part in the auction.

ARAB OIL PRODUCERS MAY EXTEND EMBARGO

KUWAIT (Reuters). — Ministers and top officials of the Arab oil states last night began their second conference here in three weeks on use of oil as a weapon in the conflict with Israel. Of the 10 Opec — Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries — members, two were still unrepresented when the hurriedly-convened meeting got under way. Ministers from Egypt and Bahrain were expected to join the conference later.

Cairo now has plan to develop Sinai desert

CAIRO (Reuters). — Cairo newspapers yesterday published details of an extensive official plan to develop the Sinai desert, drawn up at the request of President Anwar Sadat by newly-appointed Construction Minister Osman Ahmed Osman. They said the plan includes the construction of tunnels under the Suez Canal to transfer Nile water to irrigate Sinai. Agricultural experts said at least 400,000 dunams of Sinai are suitable for cultivation at present and this area could be increased with the use of the Nile's water. Mr. Osman said his ministry's main task would be to clear and reopen the Suez Canal, closed to shipping since the 1967 war. The plan also includes the rebuilding of the cities of Port Said, Ismailia and Suez, and the settlement of one million people from densely populated regions. The 36-member Scientific Academy Council has been called into an emergency session today to discuss the plans for reopening the Canal and developing the region.



Dutch Prime Minister Joop den Uyl demonstrates his method of getting around on Holland's car-free Sundays. Holland declared a ban on Sunday driving in face of an Arab oil boycott of the Netherlands. (AP radiophoto)

Dutch plea to share oil tests EEC solidarity

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Common Market solidarity will be put to the test this week when EEC Foreign Ministers face up to a potential threat to their oil supplies. The Community's petroleum situation and the related call for a Common Market summit to discuss the Middle East situation will dominate the two-day session opening here today. Normal items on the agenda of the routine session have been relegated to a lower plane. The major focus of attention will be the ministers' performance in reply to a request for the pooling of oil supplies by member states in the face of the Arab oil embargo on supplies to Holland.

Holland has formally asked its partners to share out their reserves if the Arab embargo begins to bite. There is considerable hesitation on the part of some member states.

Rabat sees U.S. as less 'anti-Arab'

RABAT (AFP). — A French-language government daily here yesterday praised Washington for a "distinct change in the U.S.'s anti-Arab posture." The paper, "Maroc Soir," said in an editorial that present political moves in the U.S. capital indicate a desire to return to "the cordial relationship between Americans and Arabs which antedated Washington's refusal to finance the Aswan Dam in Egypt."

The role of the U.S. is now playing in arriving at a settlement of the Middle East problem, Washington's undisputed good-will towards the Arab peoples, and the pressures the U.S. is starting to apply in an attempt to soften the uncompromising position of the Zionist state are all clear signs of a relaxation in U.S.-Arab relations," the paper wrote.

Kenya balks, but admits Israel envoy

NAIROBI (AFP). — Kenyan authorities yesterday grudgingly agreed to accept an Israeli envoy to re-enter the country in order to wind up the Embassy affairs, following Kenya's breaking ties with Israel last week.

Mr. Dafni returned to Nairobi yesterday after spending several weeks in Israel for medical treatment. Immigration officials refused to recognize his diplomatic passport as valid, but later they gave him a visitor's visa.

Mr. Dafni is to become head of the North American desk at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

Man sucked out of jet plane after explosion

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (Reuters). — A man was sucked out of a jet airliner at 12,500 metres yesterday when one of its engines apparently exploded, ripping open part of the fuselage, fellow-passengers said here.

Ten other persons, including two crew-members, were injured. Some were hurt by flying debris, apparently from a mid-flight explosion, and others when they left the plane by emergency exits after the National Airlines DC-10 landed here.

State and local police were preparing to search a wide area of southwest New Mexico for the missing passenger.

E. African countries to federate — Amin

MOMBASA, Kenya (Reuters). — Uganda President Idi Amin said yesterday that Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania were planning to unite in a federation.

General Amin, who is on an official visit to Kenya, made the statement at a press conference with Kenyan President Kenyatta sitting beside him. Kenyatta would be federal president, Amin said.

Berserk Ohio policeman kills seven and himself

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI). — A suburban patrolman shot and killed seven persons yesterday — his wife, two children and four upstairs neighbors. He then killed himself after wounding an investigating officer, police said.

Police identified the gunman as patrolman Cyril Rovaneck, 31, a policeman for nine years.

Terrorist bid in Hongkong

HONGKONG (AFP). — Ex-Palestinian terrorists have arrived here on a mission to assassinate a senior Israeli diplomat — the local "Kling Tao Jih Pao" newspaper reported yesterday.

The paper reports that Israel intelligence has informed the Hongkong police about the arrival of the terrorists, said to be members of Black September. A local police spokesman confirmed yesterday that security precautions have been taken.

Fuel economies in U.S. Air Force

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (Reuters). — The U.S. Air Force has cancelled many cross-country navigational training flights to save jet fuel, it was learned here yesterday.

Although Air Force spokesmen were reluctant to discuss the move, they said combat capability would not be affected.

One spokesman said that, although there are service-wide general orders to save fuel where possible, no specific order had been given to eliminate or reduce the cross-country flying.

But officers attending a reunion of the 368th Tactical Fighter Wing here this weekend said attendance had been cut enormously by pilots' inability to get permission for cross-country flights.

Sadat's envoy in Paris

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Anwar Sadat's special envoy Mohamed Hassan el-Zayyat arrived here yesterday to confer with President Georges Pompidou a few hours after Israel Ambassador Ashraf El-Natan discussed the Middle East crisis with French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert.

Dr. Zayyat's visit and the one-hour talk on Saturday evening between the Israeli Ambassador and Mr. Jobert indicate that France may have a role to play during the fast-moving diplomatic efforts in world capitals towards a Middle East settlement.

Diplomatic sources here said Mr. Ben-Natan and Mr. Jobert discussed aspects of the current crisis ranging from French deliveries of Mirage warplanes for Libya to the Common Market Foreign Ministers' talks on the Middle East due to open in Brussels today.

The agenda of the nine European diplomatic chiefs will include Israel's negotiations with the Nine to join a Mediterranean free trade area; Arab oil blackmail, and a joint Common Market peace bid for the Middle East.

Dr. Zayyat, recently replaced as Egyptian Foreign Minister, will be meeting Mr. Pompidou and Mr. Jobert today before flying on to London to discuss the Middle East situation with Premier Edward Heath and Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

His European mission is clearly intended as a bid by Egypt to enlist full-scale diplomatic backing from both France and Britain in order to counter American support for Israel. He will find a sympathetic response in Paris to President Sadat's arguments that the European governments must not leave a Middle East settlement to the whim of the super-powers.

Brandt reaffirms his neutrality

ALGIERS (Reuters). — West German Chancellor Willy Brandt has assured Algeria that his country remained absolutely neutral in the Middle East War and expressed the hope the conflict would not affect relations between the two nations.

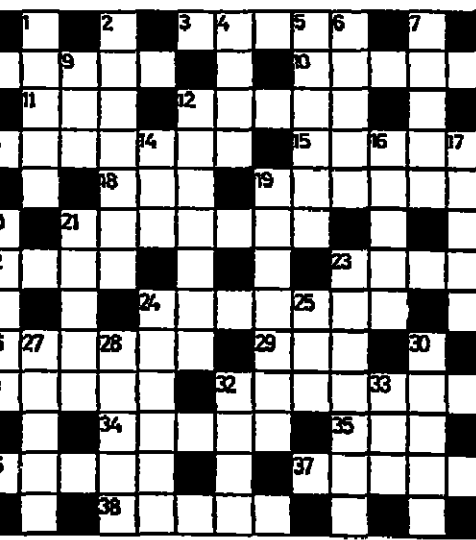
Mr. Brandt gave the assurance in Houari Boumedienne, which was published here yesterday.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES ON WEDNESDAY

The Mideast in the world poker game

Big power détente may stop wars, when the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. want to stop them, but it doesn't prevent them, writes 'New York Times' columnist

JAMES RESTON. For Israel, this means both powers lean on it when it is about to destroy the armies that attacked it the writer believes

Fatah enter the picture

AS Dr. Henry Kissinger prepared to set out on his crucial Middle East tour today, Arab leaders set off a spate of political activity. They hope for a united Arab stand on whatever suggestions may be put forward by the U.S. Secretary of State after his talks with Premier Golda Meir, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy and Syrian Assistant Foreign Minister Mohammed Zakaria Ismail. Agreed or not, the Arab states are prepared to listen.

Probably the most surprising feature of these inter-Arab consultations was a statement last night in which the Fatah — but not by the P.L.O. — called upon all Palestinians to study the present situation "objectively." In the current jargon, this stands for acceptance of the cease-fire for the time being, and willingness to listen to political proposals.

The Fatah statement came after Yasser Arafat conferred in Damascus with Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and Libyan head of state Mu'ammer Gaddafi, both of whom had earlier been in Cairo, both of whom have also been acting as patrons for the Palestinian terrorist movement.

They may have persuaded Arafat to join in the Egyptian and Syrian bids for talks to strengthen Egypt's position in any talks, and to enable the Fatah to claim the right to represent the Palestinians, now being claimed by Jordan's King Hussein.

The incorporation of Fatah in the Arab political effort need not mean that either Algeria or Libya supports the political line being orchestrated by Egypt's President Anwar Sadat. Both countries have parallel contacts with Iraq, which opposed the cease-fire. The two militant Maghreb leaders may even have sought to purchase and man the Iraqi equipment which Syria is anxious to retain in its defense lines if Iraq carries out its threat to withdraw.

The Algerian and the Libyan activity in Iraq was coupled with a lightning visit by the Egyptian and the Syrian Presidents to Kuwait and by Sadat to Saudi Arabia as well, in pursuit of the oil war against the West.

These are war efforts, rather than peace moves. Despite the differences in interpretation, one would wish that Dr. Kissinger's tour would nevertheless produce some results.

WASHINGTON.—IN his private briefing of congressional leaders on why he put the armed forces of the United States on worldwide alert the other day, President Nixon took a decidedly pessimistic view of the Soviet Union's objectives in the Middle East.

Mr. Nixon managed to get its seven airborne divisions into Egypt on the pretext of liberating the surrounded Egyptian Third Army, he said, it would be hard to get them out of there again, and once established as the protectors of the Arab states, Moscow's influence on future shipment of oil would undoubtedly increase.

The United States, he added, was not dependent on Middle East oil; we could tighten our belts and live without it, but Japan and Europe get around 80 per cent of their oil from that part of the world, and he could imagine a situation in which Soviet domination of the Middle East might lead within five or 10 years to the Communization of both Japan and Western Europe.

This was an alarming picture indeed, and it persuaded the congressional leaders that the dramatic presidential military alert was justified by the magnitude of the threat, but it left a lot of troublesome unanswered questions.

Why, if the Soviet Union had such vast geopolitical aims, could Mr. Nixon tell the press the following day that we had suddenly passed from "the most difficult crisis" since the Cuban missile alert to the most hopeful outlook in the Middle East that it has been in 20 years?

"I think I could safely say," he told the press, "that the chance for not just a cease-fire, but the outlook for a permanent peace is the best that it has been in 20 years."

Exaggeration

All this still seems a bit extreme. Last month the official line was that the "détente" between the United States and the Soviet Union was building a "general atmosphere of peace," then a few serious sessions by Moscow put the Strategic Air Command bombers with their nuclear weapons in the air, whereupon the crisis not only ended as fast as it began, but we are back talking about "permanent" peace.

There is developing here a pattern of exaggerated language, and sudden dramatic action. Nobody of course can know much about the Soviet Union's motives or intentions

and it can be dangerous to assume its goodwill or faith, but visions of the Communization of Europe and Japan require almost as vivid an imagination as "permanent" peace in the Middle East.

Also, it is not at all clear what Nixon's next order would have been if the Russians had decided to use their airborne divisions to get the Egyptian Army out of the trap. Or land American paratroops in Israel? Not even the Israelis would have welcomed that. After all, it's not so long ago that the Russians had about 20,000 men in Egypt, and instead of "going Communist," the Egyptians kicked them out.

Perhaps a more modest appraisal of U.S.-Soviet relations in the Middle East is in order. "Détente" is a useful word to express a common desire on the part of the two major nuclear powers to avoid a major war with one another, but that's about as far as it goes.

The Russians did not allow their promises to Nixon to prevent them from continuing with the Egyptians and Syrians to attack Israel, or to encourage the other Arab states to get into the struggle and force the Israelis to fight on two fronts at the same time.

Moscow is trading more and more sophisticated arms for Arab oil, and as the demand for oil outruns the supply, it becomes more and more valuable to the Soviet Union as an instrument of pressure on Europe, Japan, and to a lesser extent the United States. Obviously, the more Moscow can increase its influence over the oil-producing states, the greater its influence will be in other parts of the world as well, and this is likely to be an enduring objective of Soviet policy and similarly a vital interest of the United States to oppose the domination of the Middle East by the Soviet Union or any other power.

Modest gains

Some modest gains have been made in recent negotiations. But Premier Golda Meir didn't seem to fly to Washington because of Israel's long-range position is better as a result of this latest war.

Israel has gained some more territory and both armies are now so mixed up on one another's lands that they will have to negotiate. But over the long run, the outlook for Israel is not better but worse. The Arabs are closing the technological military gap. They were beaten, but not destroyed and they

are not likely to take time Mrs. Meir put it, "to enjoy defeat."

The outlook, unfortunately, for "permanent" peace, Israel wants secure borders all the way after the fourth war in a row, and this means holding territory the Arabs are determined to get back.

Meanwhile, with Washington Moscow playing international for their own interests, Israel itself in the awkward situation having both the United States and the Soviet Union leaning on it to stop fighting whenever it gets to destroying the armies that attacked it.

In short, the big-power duopoly may work to stop wars but it seems to prevent them, and to suit of war every few years not benefit the smaller Israeli but clearly benefits the Arabs.

Nobody understands this than Premier Meir. When she asked the other day whether Israel could afford more of a sort of thing, she replied, "I afford to live?" But she's talking nonsense about "peace." She has lived too long suffered too much for that.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

Pressure and advice

Davar (Histadrut) notes that American pressure to return to the lines of October 22, thus in effect shifting the military and diplomatic balance in Egypt's favor, has been reduced to the status of "advice." Egypt, however, does not seem to have digested this fact, and fear of the populace's reaction when they learn the true situation may impel Sadat to an ill-considered attempt to extricate his Third Army by means of a large-scale resumption of hostilities.

P.E.N. international may meet here next April

By MOSHE KOHN,

Jerusalem Post Literary Editor

The International P.E.N. (Poets, Essayists and Novelists) Executive will consider the request of the Israel P.E.N. Centre to hold the 39th International Congress in Jerusalem early in April, The Jerusalem Post learns. This will be done at the Executive's meeting in London on December 12.

The chairman of Israel P.E.N., Hanoach Bartov, told The Post on Friday that a cable to that effect had just been received from David Carver, general secretary of International P.E.N. Mr. Carver added that he and the International P.E.N. president, German 1972 Nobel Prize literature laureate Heinrich Böll, supported the Israeli request.

The congress was to have been held here next month. On October 15, however, a cable was received announcing its postponement till December, 1974, "after careful consideration of all the relevant factors" — an obvious reference to the war.

Earlier last week, Mr. Bartov telephoned Mr. Carver in London to ask for an April or May date instead of a full year's postponement.

GENERALLY speaking, the average Israeli either floats on air with self-confidence or crawls in the mud with dejection — there's no middle-mood. The spoils Israel doesn't know how to lose. He positively wallows in self-made gloom these days. The average Israeli does nothing but search for prophetic signs of doom and high-priests of negligence, as if not he himself, like all of us, is to blame that Yossef lost the keys again, this time at the Canal.

We want to get angry at ourselves? Very well, that's quite healthy. But for delusions of such national dimensions we ought to demand a more logical explanation of ourselves, especially as the black line of the Jewish Despair Zone starts 70 km. from Cairo and ends on the road to Damascus.

ALL RIGHT, so let's figure the score! And let's go about it as meticulously as our colleague Hassanein Heykal:

The Arabs achieved their objective but didn't realize their expectations. They managed — by drudgery, long-range planning and skill, and above all by avoiding expressions like "Leave it to me!" — to shake our position in the area and the world; they proved that strongholds can be captured and Israeli soldiers taken prisoner; but they failed to fulfil their great dream of defeating us, let alone recover the legitimate rights of the Palestinian People, that is, wipe us out.

Another point for them: our care for every soldier, our concern for the loss of young life. That's our moral advantage in war, and our political weakness after. In Syria and Egypt, apparently, there are no mothers.

And now for the greatest military achievement of our friends: their Brother is stronger than ours. One's a Superpower & Co., the other's a Superpower Ltd. And as long as the relationship between them stays as it is, the Arab armies will remain undefeated. It's not as if the U.S.'s might were in any way inferior to that of the Soviet Union, but that Russia is better at getting angry and that Comrade Brezhnev isn't obliged to hand over his tapes. That's why Russia presses, and the U.S. only resists the pressure. The name of the game is "Balance." And one of the ways it's played is by mumbling "Well, what can you do?" when the Egyptians moved their missile sites, remember, and we shouted Gevalt!

And with that last premise, if the reader permits, let's now finally start counting our points:

No blackest nation-wide depression can change the fact that we are at the gates of their Capitals, we are sticking in their throats, we are feeding their encircled army and not vice versa, we are forming regiments of their tanks in a variety of colours, we, the surprised, unprepared, negligent, arrogant three million, have turned

PROFESSOR Kissinger is a clever intercontinental missile and we'd like to hope he's our friend in spite of his Jewish ancestry and that he isn't too mad at us for refusing to provide the Third Army with its requirements in arms as well. At the same time, we're a bit afraid the brilliant professor might be suffering from a slight "Bridge over the River Kwai" case.

The hero of that film is a proud British colonial who withstands all the physical and mental torture of his Japanese captors, but after they've got friendly and he's built a bridge over the river with them, he starts getting anxious for the constructive cooperation between them, till he's ready to shoot the American soldiers who've come to blow up "his" bridge. Only at the last minute does the colonel realize what's happened to him, but then it's already "The End."

Professor Kissinger doesn't see, or doesn't want to see, that behind the warm embraces of the "détente" the U.S.S.R. is cutting the ground from under his feet with frightening efficiency. They've already got Europe under the Arab oil whip, and presently the great North Vietnam offensive'll break out and rock the free world on its foundations. The votes against Israel. The U.S. itself is still smiling. It's anxious for the bridge. Only China can still save the West.

A FEW words about that wretched bunch for whom the existence of a small nation is a question of central heating. The mass prostration of Western Europe before the oil-wells, the wholesale abandonment of Holland, their Nato and Common Market ally, is nothing but a cynical repeat of the Munich affair. If they'd just put up a united front and told the Arabs firmly...

Oh well, why endanger the smooth running of your public transport for the sake of Czechoslovakia?

WE AREN'T Czechoslovakia.

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the well-stocked tables of 19 Arab States on them, and if it hadn't been for the panicky intervention of the automaton in New York we'd have put the fear-barrier back where it belongs...

If that isn't an Arab defeat we should rewrite the dictionary. We admit there used to be a myth that the L.D.F. is unbeatable. And that isn't true: it's not a myth any longer but a fact. You can cause us losses and they hurt, but you can't wipe us off the map because we aren't Czechoslovakia but quite the opposite.

Besides, Yossef with the keys has learnt something. One may suppose this has been the last time he's been caught without them. Now it's our turn.

IT ALSO isn't true that the whole world is against us. The whole world is for us, against their governments aren't. The public docks to our show, only the reviews are bad. Don't underestimate the public.

And then there's always World Jewry still, which hasn't been mobilized to the full extent of its yelling capacity yet. There are 12m. Jews in the Diaspora, 10m. of them in key positions. They're our oil, with the slight advantage that oil doesn't have the vote in elections.

One look from the Arab viewpoint: is their position really that good? They were a bit surprised too, weren't they, by our behaviour in a crisis, by our astounding striking power, and above all by the absolute and unequivocal support of the U.S. in this war. And not only they but the Russians too, and we ourselves.

If I were an Arab I might wonder rather uneasily: what's those spitting Jews going to do to us, the next round? I've never been surprised and humiliated by us on their holiest day? Because we Jews have our honour too, haven't we?

And we still have a few technological scientific tricks up our sleeve. Let's not forget that in these days of long-range depression.

WE COULD go on and on, but we're ready for the impatient reader to interrupt us at this point: What're you doing "boosting our morale" over half a page? Who wants any more rounds? Who wants any more victories?

Dear reader, this half-a-page written exactly for that purpose — there wouldn't be any more wars or torments. If it's peace you want you learn it by heart.

Because in negotiations over a just dictated peace every international is taken into account except justice, strong and self-confident, or even confident, Israel is going to come to a settlement with its neighbours some. A whining and dispirited Israel is to be put on the lowest shelf of his by its enemies and friends alike, you've got to prove in the universal game isn't so much your strength as authentic anger, the fact that you're truly intend to commit follies, that's not a game one can play in jittery atmosphere that you, dear n with all respect, spread round you days. You want the Old Lady's hand tremble with the cards? You want a Golda?

Our future'll be decided in that table moment when our Golda turns friendly power" for the first time and loud and clear:

"Not!"

"But Mrs. Meir," her American answer politely, "if you won't accept dictates we'll withdraw our support throw you to the Russians." And then Mrs. Meir will have to answer her delightful simplicity:

"Very well!"

And look'em straight in the eye and blink even once, till the House turns all over. Because, that's the only way that will ensure us American support. Just and feasible peace with the Arabs. But for that Golda needs the whole of Israel behind her, three million Moroccan madmen who're capable of making the world to bits if they're not kept under the sun. So stop the deplorable cult for a bit and shut up, for heaven's sake, and remember that the war with the Arabs has only just started. Every subject of the war that was — is a card for the Arabs; every sign of weakness, internal strife, every whimper take us that much farther from our chance for peace. A depressed nation counts in the balance. A people that is to be pitied gets only contempt.

Translated by Ephraim Kishon. By arrangement with the author.

Readers' letters

Supplies to the Third Army

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am utterly disgusted and heart-broken to read that our Government is helping the Egyptian Third Army with plasma and convicts of food, water and medicine. I know that the pressure from the U.S. Government on our Government is tremendous, but our Government should stand firm. If the U.S. Government tells us what to do and how to handle the Egyptians, then let Israel become the 51st state of the Union and then the American Army can come and fight our war. Why should our men have to die in the front line in the name of survival, freedom and independence, when this is really the war of America and Russia?

If our Government cannot be strong enough to stand up to American pressure, let younger and stronger people take over.

CHARLES FOURK
Shoreline, October 30.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am hurt, grieved and appalled. Why must we always display our humanitarianism at the expense of our own soldiers and people, to an inhuman world which

neither appreciates nor cares? Why did we so readily agree to permit the passage of supplies to the encircled Egyptian Third Army without first demanding the exchange of prisoners of war, or at least a detailed list of all Israeli prisoners in their hands, as promised when the cease-fire was declared?

These, and many other questions are being asked by parents, wives and close ones of those who are lost or prisoners.

ROSE BELKIN
Givatayim, October 30.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I cry with tears of rage and frustration when I hear the demands for humanitarianism for the soldiers of the Egyptian Third Army. They are hungry and thirsty and need blood plasma for their wounded, but still have ammunition to fire. Where was humanitarianism for the beleaguered city of Jerusalem in 1948? Its citizens were also hungry and thirsty — not just for days, but for weeks. They weren't soldiers, but old men, women and children, whose only crime was that they were Jews.

EVELYN HENIG
Haifa, October 28.

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A question for the Africans

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Of late there seems to be a race between the African countries to sever diplomatic relations with the State of Israel. It makes me wonder whether these countries have any independent foreign policy at all. May I ask one simple question of all these countries: In what way has the position changed since they recognized this country?

I happen to be an impartial observer of the drama enacted by the Arab countries invading this country with all their modern weapons borrowed from others, on the very day when every citizen of this country was busy at prayers. I also observed the strong determination of only 8 million people of this small country to defend their land only because they want to exist as a nation. I am fully convinced this country has no territorial ambition at all and the Israelis are really interested in living with their neighbours in peace. I hope common sense will prevail and the Arab leaders will sit around the table in order to come to an agreed solution of outstanding issues.

The African nations will benefit more from diplomatic relations with this country than anything else.

B. K. ROY CHOUHURY
Tel Aviv (Bombay), October 30.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your leader of October 26, "Break with Africa," there is one sentence I have to take strong exception to.

You state, in your closing paragraph, that "no doubt many of the African states will seek to renew their links with Israel and Israel will certainly be glad of it."

I think that this eventual desire of these states should be met with complete indifference. More than that, we should refuse to renew the development assistance to any state which severed relations with Israel.

The heavy burden of our taxation which most of us are willing to bear in order to repair the damages of this war would become intolerable if even a penny were spent to bolster the economy of those who let us down when the pinch came.

DR. M. JACOBSEN
Savoyon, October 28.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As an English visitor currently spending my second sabbatical term under wartime conditions (the first was in Nigeria during the Civil War), I should like to comment on your leading article, "Break with Africa" (October 26).

Nigeria severed her links with Israel last Thursday.

She does not draw her inspiration from Moscow or Peking, and has resisted moves to spurn the Western powers.

She shares with Israel the experience of having to go to war for her survival as a nation.

In 1972, General Gowon played an impartial role in the O.A.U. mediation initiative in the Middle East. But it must not be forgotten that half of Nigeria's population of 60 millions are Moslems. Undoubtedly, Islamic leaders put out worldwide pleas for solidarity when the war broke out, just as Jewish leaders here appealed to their communities abroad, and political pressure was brought to bear as a result of this.

It seems to me a logical outcome that Nigeria should have felt obliged to act when lives of Moslem civilians were lost and further territory taken. Viewed in this light, her actions do not conform to your analysis as a "betrayal" of Israel.

DAVID M. GOODALL
Visiting lecturer in Physical Chemistry
Jerusalem, October 28.

APPEAL FOR THE DEAF

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Through your good offices we have been fortunate to be able to reach a number of volunteers willing to transport our children to the Micha Centre for pre-school deaf children. The need is very acute now. Many children are not receiving any therapy because of the limited public transport and the difficulties this has imposed upon the parents. We appeal to your readers who have cars, and can spare one to two hours in the morning or noon hours, to please contact us at our new Micha Centre in Ramat Aviv, telephone 415147.

ETHEL COHEN,
Director, Micha Centre
Tel Aviv, October 28.

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